

~Honorary Pall Bear~

Lester Hodge

Dequandre Course

Willie Hodge

Jeffery Carey Jr.

Joshua King

Jermery Carey

Benjamin Deering

~Active Pall Bear~

Kevin Hodge

Fredrick Irving

Kennard Hodge Sr.

Corey Mack

Patrick Irving

Jessie Richardson

~Flower Bearers~

Nieces and Cousins

~Committal Interment~

Bethlehem MB Church Cemetery

~Final Arrangements Entrusted To~

Willis L. Son Funeral Home

5235 Robinson Road

Jackson, MS 39204

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the family of the Late Hillman E. Hodge, we would like to express sincere appreciation to Friends and Family who showed many acts of kindness-your visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and most importantly, your prayers for they have been a great source of strength to us. We ask that you continue to pray that God sustain us in the days to come.

The Hodge Family

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4

***Celebration of Life
for
Hillman E. Hodge***

Sunrise

September 28, 1957

Sunset

December 3, 2023



Saturday, December 16, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

2844 Smith Station Road

Edwards, MS 39066

Elder Michael Taylor, Officiating

Yvette Williams, Mistress of Ceremony

Obituary

Hillman Earl Hodge was born in Edwards, MS, to the late Lester Lee Hodge Sr. and Agnes Hunter Hodge on September 28, 1957. He departed this life on December 3, 2023, in his home in Edwards, MS.

Hillman accepted Christ at an earlier age and was baptized at Bethlehem M.B. Church. He attended Edwards Attendance Center in Edwards, MS. He loved spending time with his family and his horses, fishing, and hunting.

With a hard-working spirit, Hillman work for the Mississippi Department of Transportation for over 30 years before deciding to retire. Throughout his life, he did sheetrock, shoed horses, and occasionally did community service in the town of Edwards during the pandemic.

Hillman married Bonnie Bee Williams on August 7, 1977, and this union created a loving family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Lester Hodge; mother, Agnes Hunter-Hodge; daughter, Latonya Hodge; son, Jeffery Carey; two brothers, Robert and Walter Hodge; and a sister, Bobby Noel.

Hillman leaves to cherish his memory: A loving and devoted wife, Bonnie Bee Hodge; Five loving daughters, Melinda Strong and LaSonja (Amadra) Hodge, Both of Edwards, MS, Yumekio and Kyandra (Benjamin) Hodge, Both of Jackson, MS; Shanita (Joshua) Hodge of Woodbridge, VA; twenty-one grandchildren, Shiparis Johnson, Dequandra Course, Shyandra Hodge (Adopted Daughter), Jeffery Carey Jr., Reneisha Sweet, Tyandra Hodge (Adopted Daughter), Jermery Carey, Italian Johnson, Shikarian Carey, Ashanti Course, Ameyerrial Carey, Kordaijiah Hodge, Jashua King, Jardarian Lewis, Koreyunna Hodge, Shanira King, Kendarra Hodge, Dianisty Hodge, Bentavius Hodge, Jamazi O'Quinn, and Kamarria Hodge. Three brothers, Willie Hodge Sr., Lester Hodge, and Kennard Hodge Sr.; Five Great-Grands, Damesha Course, Kingston and Kenneth Carey, Ambrosia Moore, and Shaka'Bree Hodge; Three sisters, Glenda Hodge and Verlene Hodge of Edwards, MS; Alice Hodge-Shorter of Vicksburg, MS. As well as a host of aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Order of Service

Yvette Williams, Mistress of Ceremony

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>Soft Music</i>
<i>Processional</i>	<i>Minister & Family</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Luther Vandross (Dance with my Father Again)</i>
<i>Old Testament & New Testament</i>	<i>Pastor Otis Harris Sr.</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Pastor Otis Harris Sr.</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>Valerie Kemp</i>
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>Yvette Williams</i>
<i>Obituary</i>	<i>Read Silently</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>Smokey Robinson (Really Gone Miss You)</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Elder Michael Taylor</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>Soft Music</i>

Funeral Directors In Charge





Tributes

Through the Years

Sadly although you are no longer here

Somehow you remain near

Your memories are treasured within my heart

The bond that we had kept us together,

No matter the years, the time or bad weather.

And though our youth is so well long gone,

With happiness and sorrow your legend lives on.

I pray that God will give me strength

And somehow get me through as I struggle with this heartache

that came when I lost you. Thursday's will never be the same,

No more Bonnie Bee won't you slow down

Or Bonnie Bee won't you shut up.

These memories will be held forever.

In Memory of my husband/bestfriend~ Your loving wife, Bonnie

Love is PATIENT, love is KIND

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered;
it keeps no record of wrongs.

It *Rejoices*
in light in evil but
with the truth

It always PROTECTS,
always TRUSTS,
always HOPES,
always PERSEVERES



Tributes

God Saw You Getting Tired

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was
not to be, so he put his arms around you
and whisper, "Come to me"*

*With tearful eyes, we watched you and
saw you pass away and although we love
you dearly, we could not make you stay*

*A golden heart stopped beating, hard
working hands at rest. God broke our
Heart to prove to us he only takes the best.*

Love you Daddy, Your Daughters

Grandpa I Miss You

Everyday I wonder why

You were taken high up to the sky,

And I didn't get a chance to say goodbye,

I'm sorry.

There are so many things I want to say

That every night I sit and pray,

Hoping you can hear me say,

I miss you and I love you.

But I know you are watching over us

Up above where the angels lie.

We love you Paw-Paw!

Your Grandchildren



SURELY GOODNESS
AND MERCY SHALL
FOLLOW ME ALL THE
DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I
WILL DWELL IN THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD
FOR EVER.
PSALMS 23:6